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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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Outreach and Updates



May 18-24th 2014 is Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week

It's been a decade since Michigan first launched Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Awareness Week to focus attention on the destructive, ash-killing beetle and the risks associated with moving firewood. Now numerous federal and state agencies, non-government organizations, campgrounds and recreational areas are taking up the charge! These initiatives will spotlight EAB and other invasive pests and diseases that 'hitch a ride' on firewood. Find sample proclamations, press releases, videos and more here.

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US Forest Service Announces Extensive Campground Messaging

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service's Firewood Taskforce has just completed a widespread effort to prevent campground visitors across the nation from moving firewood. Informational messages have been established on 2,100 Forest Service campground websites within the two online reservation systems used by the federal government, [Recreation.gov](#) and [ReserveAmerica.com](#). These messages are on each campsite description online and will be printed on the confirmation receipts that campers must take.

Additionally, the Forest Service has dispersed posters strategically throughout locations with high visitor traffic in recent years and is revisiting those efforts in locations where additional poster deployments are needed. To see an example of the messages on a Recreation.gov site, visit [Big Larch Campground in Seeley Lake, MT](#) and scroll down to the "Know Before You Go" section. *Many thanks to Joel Egan, Entomologist USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, for authoring this update.*

June 14 is National Get Outdoors Day

Looking for a great event in your area to do some public outreach? [National Get Outdoors Day](#) is a cool event and there might be one near you. Look at the event listing [here](#).

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No Newsletter in June 2014

There will not be a Firewood Outreach Professional News email in June 2014. If you would like to submit a story for the next newsletter, July 2014, please contact Leigh Greenwood at L.Greenwood@tnc.org. If you have something that you feel should be shared with the community during June, you can always email Leigh and she will consider it for the Don't Move Firewood [blog](#), [Facebook](#), or [Twitter](#) accounts!

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Want to see what other states are doing? Visit www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources.

Infestations and Regulations



EAB Project Map
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In The News

Want to know a neat trick? The most current Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project map is always available at [here](#). Even though the map changes, the link never does. Smart work!

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Imported Fire Ant

Get More Information

Are you in an area quarantined for the Imported Fire Ant (IFA)? Did you know that firewood stored in direct contact with bare dirt can be considered a regulated article for IFA? Learn more about IFA on [Hungry Pests](#) or [USDA APHIS's main information hub](#).

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Don't Move Firewood Campaign



Welcome to the Matrix Firewood Regulations

Curious which states have a comprehensive external quarantine on firewood? Which are considered western thousand cankers disease source states by the eastern states with external walnut quarantines? Wondering what errors crept into our complex multi-month research project? Check out the new firewood regulations matrix, and print on legal paper for best results.

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5 mvths about emerald ash borer in Iowa

4/30/2014

EPA Wood Stove Regulations: Opportunity or Death Knell?

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U.S. Forest Service Makes Learning about Invasive Species Easy for Kids

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Dendrochronological reconstruction of the epicentre and early spread of emerald ash borer in North America

Submit Your Story

This is the Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative newsletter, designed to share information about firewood and invasive forest pests. Do you have a story you want us to include in a future newsletter? Submit your story of 120 words or less.

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